

*Imperial County Agriculture*

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AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER  
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TO: DR. LUTHER TIM WALLACE, DIRECTOR OF  
FOOD AND AGRICULTURE OF THE  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

AND

THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF THE COUNTY OF IMPERIAL

I herewith submit the annual crop report as required by Section 2279 of the Agricultural Code.

The year 1974 was another banner year for agriculture in Imperial County, with a gross value of \$557,281,000. Although the year had some unfavorable spots, especially in the cattle industry, there is no doubt that 1974 will go down as the most productive year agriculture has experienced. This does not mean there were no losers; however, for the most part, 1974 was a great year for agriculture.

High yields and prices made sugar beets the king of the crops in 1974.

Cost of all materials used in agriculture climbed much faster in 1974 than did prices, yet generally profits were good; and this is evidenced by the reinvestment of those profits in land improvements and land purchases. Only time will tell if agricultural profits will remain equal to that of other industries in the country.

Respectfully submitted,

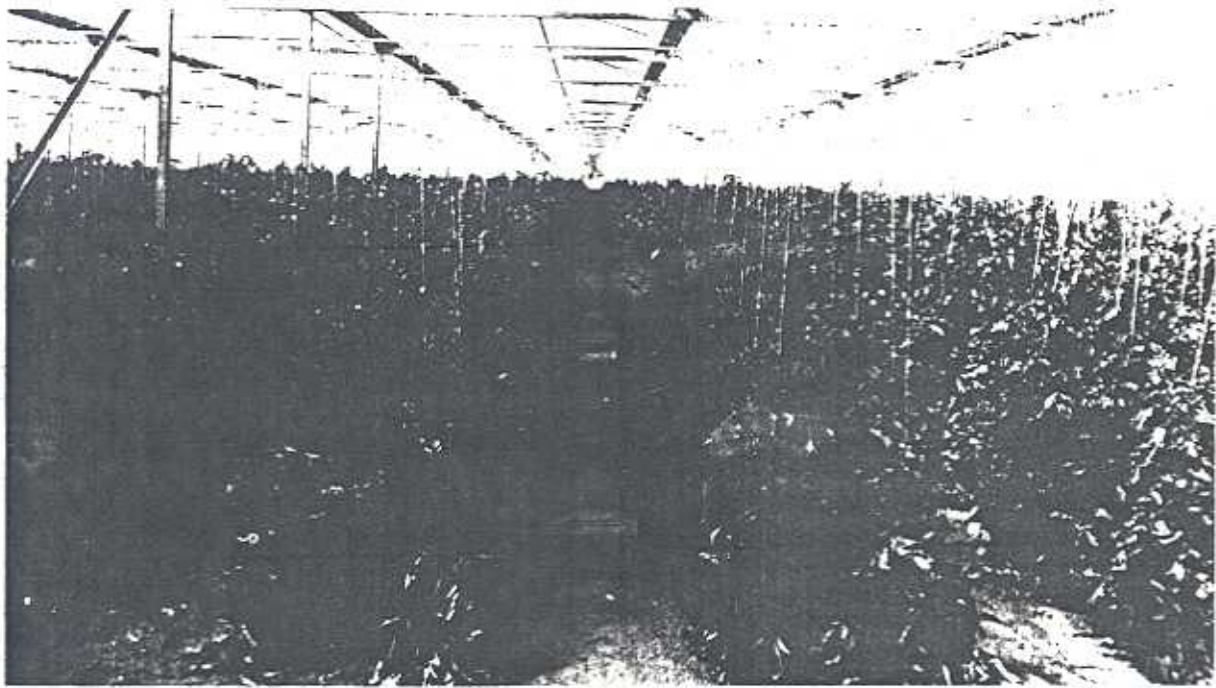
  
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### FIELD CROPS 1973 - 1974

	Year	Acres	Per Acre	Unit	Total	Per Unit	Value
Barley.....	1974	5,600	2.14	Ton	12,000	120.00	\$ 1,440,000
	1973	18,000	1.75	Ton	31,500	80.00	2,520,000
Cotton Lint.....	1974	87,000	1191 A	Bale	215,800B	.50C	53,950,000D
	1973	39,000	1142 A	Bale	92,800B	.65C	30,160,000D
Cotton Seed.....	1974			Ton	86,300	125.00	10,788,000
	1973			Ton	30,500	118.00	3,599,000
Hay, Alfalfa.....	1974	121,000	9.0	Ton	1,089,000	62.00	67,518,000
	1973	126,000	8.0	Ton	1,008,000	53.00	53,424,000
Alfalfa Dehydrated, and Cubed.....	1974	15,000	6.6	Ton	99,000	66.00	6,534,000
	1973	19,000	5.0	Ton	95,000	40.00	3,800,000
Pasture, Alfalfa.....	1974	103,000#		Acre		30.00	3,090,000
	1973	107,000#		Acre		18.00	1,926,000
Pasture, Ryegrass.....	1974	17,000		Acre		164.00	2,788,000
	1973	29,000		Acre		130.00	3,770,000
Pasture, Sugar Beet Tops.....	1974	65,000		Acre		26.00	1,690,000
	1973	64,000		Acre		18.00	1,152,000
Pasture, Other.....	1974	24,000		Acre		72.00	1,728,000
	1973	24,000		Acre		42.00	1,008,000
Screenings.....	1974			Ton	1,500	25.50	38,000
	1973			Ton	550	20.00	11,000
Silage, (Sorghum).....	1974	400	26.0	Ton	10,400	7.50	78,000
	1973	1,000	25.0	Ton	25,000	5.50	138,000
Sorghum.....	1974	32,000	2.3	Ton	74,000	128.00	9,472,000
	1973	40,000	2.3	Ton	92,000	90.00	8,280,000
Straw.....	1974			Ton	76,000	23.45	1,782,000
	1973			Ton	109,000	19.70	2,147,000*
Sugar Beets.....	1974	65,000	26.8	Ton	1,742,000	51.18	89,156,000D
	1973	64,000	24.7	Ton	1,581,000	20.20	31,936,000D
Wheat.....	1974	104,000	2.53	Ton	263,000	130.00	34,190,000
	1973	100,000	2.6	Ton	260,000	100.00	26,000,000

\* Revised

# Pastured once

A Pounds per acre

B 500 lb. gross bales

C Price per pound

D Includes all government payments

TOTAL 1974 \$284,242,000  
TOTAL 1973 169,871,000\*

## VEGETABLE CROPS 1973 - 1974

	Year	Acres	Per Acre	Unit	Total	Per Unit	Value
Asparagus.....	1974	4,600	1.63	Ton	7,500	887.74	\$ 6,658,000
	1973	4,500	1.91	Ton	8,600	678.14	5,832,000
Cabbage.....	1974	1,200	10.25	Ton	12,300	65.04	800,000
	1973	470	14.04	Ton	6,600	93.79	619,000
Cantaloupes.....	1974	8,300	7.53	Ton	62,500	221.92	13,870,000
	1973	9,500	6.95	Ton	66,000	189.45	12,504,000
Carrots.....	1974	5,900	18.86	Ton	111,300	93.77	10,437,000
	1973	4,500	14.64	Ton	65,900	107.62	7,092,000
Cucumbers.....	1974	600	5.50	Ton	3,300	182.43	602,000
	1973	520	5.77	Ton	3,000	175.67	527,000
Garlic.....	1974	700	4.29	Ton	3,000	188.67	566,000
Lettuce.....	1974	49,000	11.65	Ton	571,000	88.40	50,476,000
	1973	42,000	13.40	Ton	563,000	130.02	73,200,000
Melons (Other).....	1974	800	14.25	Ton	11,400	170.00	1,938,000
	1973	760	11.45	Ton	8,700	174.14	1,515,000
Onions (Market).....	1974	1,700	12.59	Ton	21,400	105.79	2,264,000
	1973	1,500	17.33	Ton	26,000	242.46	6,304,000
Onions (Dehydrated).....	1974	3,000	12.00	Ton	36,000	45.72	1,646,000
	1973	1,680	13.10	Ton	22,000	33.64	740,000
Squash.....	1974	740	4.59	Ton	3,400	352.35	1,198,000
	1973	940	3.51	Ton	3,300	226.99	749,000
Tomatoes.....	1974	3,000	12.93	Ton	38,800	191.88	7,445,000
	1973	2,000	7.0	Ton	14,000	313.42	4,388,000
Watermelons.....	1974	2,200	9.1	Ton	20,000	107.85	2,157,000
	1973	4,000	7.25	Ton	29,000	101.21	2,935,000
Mixed Vegetables.....	1974	2,300					2,706,000
	1973	2,500					2,697,000
(Broccoli, Chinese Vegetables, Butter Lettuce, Endive, Red Lettuce, Romaine, Rapini, Turnips, Okra, and Banana Squash)					TOTAL 1974		\$102,763,000
					TOTAL 1973		119,102,000

## FRUIT AND NUT CROPS 1973 - 1974

	Year	Acres	Per Acre	Unit	Total	Per Unit	Value
Dates.....	1974	190	.8	Ton	152	1,233.00	\$ 187,000
	1973	140	1.1	Ton	154	1,379.00	212,000*
Grapefruit.....	1974	430	3.4	Ton	1,500	143.33	215,000
	1973	400	3.3	Ton	1,300	129.00	168,000
Lemons.....	1974	840	3.0	Ton	2,500	263.20	658,000
	1973	620	4.5	Ton	2,800	233.57	654,000
Oranges, Valencia.....	1974	950	3.2	Ton	3,000	115.00	345,000
	1973	920	3.7	Ton	3,400	119.41	406,000
Tangerines.....	1974	720	2.7	Ton	1,900	191.58	364,000
	1973	736	3.8	Ton	2,800	173.57	486,000
Mixed Fruit..... (Navel & Sour Oranges)	1974						27,000
	1973						18,000
Citrus By Products.....	1974			Ton	7,400	44.04	326,000
	1973			Ton	7,000	41.56	291,000
					TOTAL 1974		\$ 2,122,000
					TOTAL 1973		2,235,000*

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### LIVESTOCK AND DAIRY 1973 - 1974

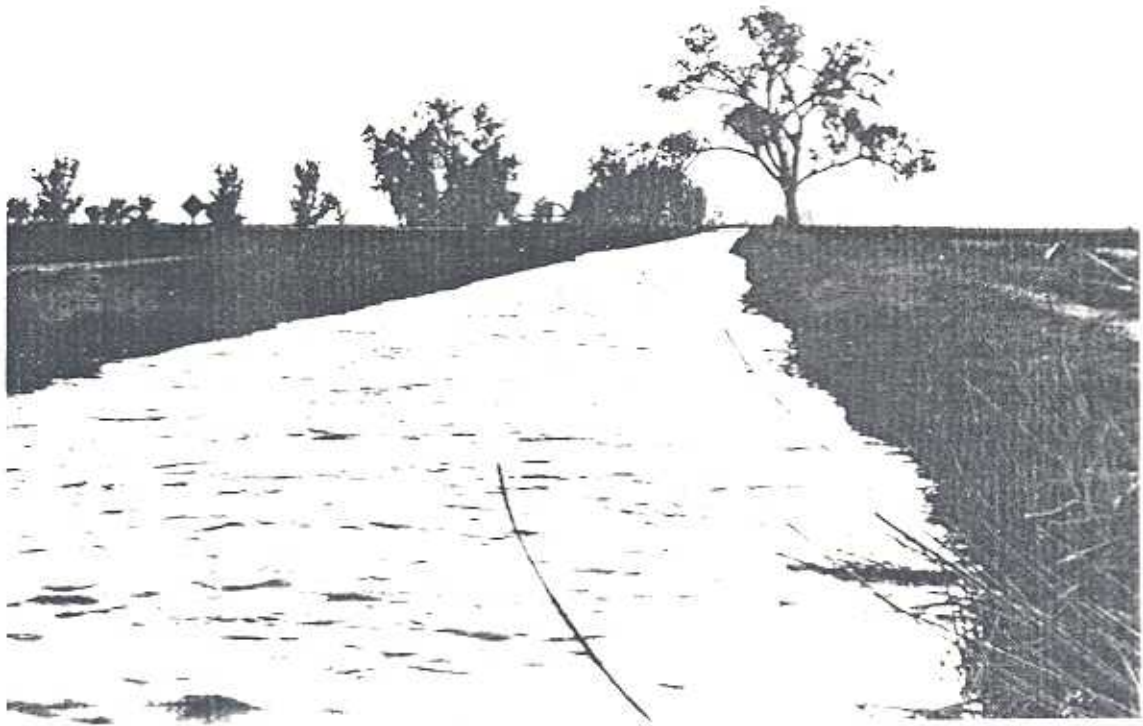
	Year	Head	Unit Gain	Unit	Total	Per Unit	Value
Cattle.....	1974	720,000	4.97	Cwt	3,578,000	42.21	\$ 151,027,000
	1973	798,000	5.34	Cwt	4,261,000	43.76	186,461,000
Sheep.....	1974	160,000	.50	Cwt	80,000	38.50	3,080,000
	1973	160,000	.50	Cwt	80,000	35.91	2,873,000
Wool.....	1974	162,000	4.0	Lbs.	648,000	.40	259,000
	1973	180,000	5.10	Lbs.	918,000	.75	689,000
Milk.....	1974			Cwt	94,900	8.30	788,000
	1973			Cwt	88,700	6.75	599,000
Misc. Livestock.....	1974						28,000
	1973						22,000
TOTAL 1974							\$ 155,182,000
TOTAL 1973							190,644,000

### APIARY PRODUCTS 1973 - 1974

	Year	Colonies	Yield	Unit	Production	Per Unit	Value
Honey.....	1974	42,000	48	Lbs.	2,016,000	.38	\$ 766,000
	1973	39,000	66	Lbs.	2,600,000	.46	1,196,000
Wax.....	1974	42,000		Lbs.	39,000	1.20	47,000
	1973	39,000		Lbs.	41,000	.78	32,000
Pollination.....	1974	29,000		Colonies		9.97	289,000
	1973	29,000		Colonies		8.62	250,000
TOTAL 1974							\$1,102,000
TOTAL 1973							1,478,000

### SEED AND NURSERY CROPS 1973 - 1974

	Year	Acres	Per Acre	Unit	Total	Per Unit	Value
Alfalfa.....	1974	15,000	373	Lbs.	5,595,000	.98	\$ 5,483,000
	1973	8,600	262	Lbs.	2,253,000	1.06	2,388,000
Cotton.....	1974			Ton	3,000	440.00	1,320,000
	1973			Ton	6,600	155.00	1,023,000
Wheat.....	1974	2,900	4,641	Lbs.	13,459,000	.085	1,144,000
	1973	1,800	5,200	Lbs.	9,360,000	.05	468,000
Misc. Agriculture.....	1974						141,000
	1973						292,000
Misc. Vegetables, Flowers & Nursery Stock.....	1974						3,303,000
	1973						2,068,000
Certified Seed.....	1974						479,000
	1973						201,000
TOTAL 1974							\$ 11,870,000
TOTAL 1973							6,440,000



### RECAPITULATION

	1973	1974
APIARY .....	\$ 1,478,000	\$ 1,102,000
SEED & NURSERY CROPS.....	8,440,000	11,870,000
LIVESTOCK & DAIRY.....	150,544,000	155,182,000
FIELD CROPS.....	157,871,000*	284,242,000
VEGETABLE CROPS .....	119,102,000	102,763,000
FRUIT & NUT CROPS .....	2,235,000*	2,122,000
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$469,770,000*</b>	<b>\$557,281,000</b>

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### MILLION DOLLAR CROPS

SUGAR BEETS .....	\$ 89,155,000	ALFALFA DEHYDRATED & CUBED \$2,554,000	
HAY, ALFALFA .....	67,518,000	ALFALFA SEED .....	5,465,000
COTTON LINT .....	53,950,000	ONIONS .....	3,910,000
LETTUCE .....	50,475,000	PASTURE, ALFALFA .....	3,030,000
WHEAT .....	34,193,000	PASTURE, FRY SPASH .....	2,745,000
CANTALOUPE .....	19,875,000	WATERMELONS .....	2,157,000
COTTON SEED .....	12,106,000	PASTURE, TUPPER BELT CROPS .....	1,050,000
CARROTS .....	10,437,000	DAIRY .....	1,040,000
SORGHUM .....	9,472,000	SL. DAIRY .....	1,190,000
TOMATOES .....	7,445,000	WHEAT SEED .....	1,147,000
ASPARAGUS .....	6,555,000		